

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1329

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Greg William Eichelman for more than thirty years of honorable and astute service as District Public Defender for the Third Judicial District.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Greg William Eichelman is one such estimable individual, who evinces the greatest integrity and justice in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eichelman began serving as the first District Public Defender for the Third Judicial District, which encompasses Hamblen, Greene, Hawkins, and Hancock counties, when the office was instituted in 1989 and has served in this position skillfully, dutifully, and faithfully for the last thirty-three years; and

WHEREAS, Greg Eichelman recently announced that he will be taking his much-deserved retirement at the end of his term this year, bringing to a close an exemplary legal career; and

WHEREAS, a fantastic litigator known for his vigorous, individualized approach to representation, Mr. Eichelman has provided premier criminal defense services in the Morristown area for more than four decades all told; and

WHEREAS, Greg Eichelman earned his Bachelor of Science degree and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, well-regarded among his peers, Mr. Eichelman has been actively involved in his professional community as a member of the American Bar Association, the National

Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, the Tennessee Bar Association, and the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, his relentless representation of the indigent accused is a credit to the rule of law, both the Tennessee and national constitutions, and the right to due process for all Americans; through his service, he has continued the tradition of public defenders that John Adams first began in 1770; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Eichelman has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Greg William Eichelman for his honorable and astute service to the good people of the State of Tennessee as the District Public Defender for the Third Judicial District of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference and salute his unwavering commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.